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SUBJ: MBFR: GDR STATEMENT ON AGENDA TO MAY 17 PLENARY

FOLLOWING IS ENGLISH TRANSLATION BY EAST GERMAN DELEGATION OF
THEIR STATEMENT ON AGENDA PRESENTED IN GERMAN ON MAY 17 BY GDR
REP BRIE.

BEGIN TEXT:

1. FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS THE SUPPORT OF THE GDR
DELEGATION FOR THE CONSIDERATIONS CONCERNING THE AGENDA PRESENTED
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TODAY BY THE DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC ON BEHALF OF OTHER SOCIALIST DELEGATIONS. AFTER HAVING LISTENED TO THE GENERAL STATEMENTS MADE BY THE OTHER 18 DELEGATIONS WE CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE DELEGATIONS AROUND THIS TABLE ARE INTERESTED IN APPROACHING THE PROBLEMS WHICH WE WILL FACE IN THE FUTURE CONSULTATIONS IN A BUSINESSLIKE AND CONSTRUCTIVE MANNER.

2. BEARING THIS IN MIND I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A FEW REMARKS CONCERNING THE AGENDA OF OUR FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS.

3. IN THE OPINION OF SOCIALIST DELEGATIONS, WHICH SEEMS TO BE WIDELY SHARED BY THE DELEGATIONS AROUND THIS TABLE, OUR TASK IS TO FORMULATE THE GOAL OF THE FUTURE TALKS ON THE REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE WITHOUT DEALING IN ANY WAY WITH THE SUBSTANCE OF THE PROBLEM WHICH WOULD BE, NATURALLY, THE TASK OF THE NEGOTIATIONS PROPER. ANY DISCUSSION ON THE DETAILS WHICH MIGHT PREDETERMINE THE VERY PROCESS OF THE FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS DOES NOT FALL WITHIN THE TERMS OF THESE CONSULTATIONS.

4. IN LIGHT OF THIS WE THINK IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE NOT TO ATTEMPT TO DRAFT AN AGENDA FOR THE FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS IN A DETAILED MANNER.

5. NO MATTER HOW MUCH DETAILED COULD BE A LIST OF ISSUES WHICH ARE TO BE PUT FORWARD FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS, ONE MAY PREDICT IN ADVANCE THAT SUCH A LIST IS NOT GOING TO BE COMPLETE. IT IS INEVITABLE THAT SOME IMPORTANT ISSUES AND ASPECTS OF THE MATTER APPEAR ONLY DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS ON SUBSTANCE. IN OTHER WORDS, FOLLOWING THE PATH OF A DETAILED SPECIFICATION OF THE AGENDA WE WOULD NARROW IN ADVANCE THE SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM, AND THIS COULD ONLY COMPLICATE OUR SEARCH FOR MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS.

6. THERE IS ALSO ONE MORE IMPORTANT ASPECT CONNECTED WITH THE WORK ON A DRAFT AGENDA, WHICH DIRECTLY RELATES TO WHAT HAS BEEN SAID BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC AND MY OWN PREVIOUS REMARKS.

7. IN THE OPINION OF MY DELEGATION, OUR AGENDA SHOULD REFLECT ALSO THE ORGANIZATIONAL ASPECT OF THE FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS.

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8. IN THEIR OPENING STATEMENTS ALL DELEGATIONS CONFIRMED THAT SOLVING THE COMPLEX ISSUE OF THE REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN THE AREA OF CENTRAL EUROPE WILL REQUIRE THOROUGH CONSIDERATION OF THE WHOLE RANGE OF ISSUES HAVING POLITICAL, AS WELL AS TECHNICAL MILITARY NATURE. DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS THERE WILL OBVIOUSLY APPEAR THE NECESSITY FOR DISCUSSING AND REACHING AN

AGREEMENT ON SPECIFIC QUESTIONS OF REDUCTION IN TROOPS AND ARMS, INCLUDING THEIR SENSITIVE DETAILED ASPECTS. THIS LEADS US TO THE NEED FOR THE CREATION DURING THE FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS OF AN ADEQUATE WORKING BODY TO DEAL WITH SUCH QUESTIONS.

9. THE GENERAL PRACTICE OF CONDUCTING INTERNATIONAL TALKS AND CONFERENCES SPEAKS UP IN FAVOUR OF THE CREATION OF THE WORKING ORGAN. SUCH PRACTICE HAS PROVED TO BE VERY USEFUL AND IT WILL BE ONLY RIGHT TO AVAIL OURSELVES OF THE EXISTING POSITIVE EXPERIENCE.

10. CONSEQUENTLY, IN OUR WORK ON THE AGENDA WE SHOULD TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE CREATION, DURING THE FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS, OF THE WORKING ORGAN.

11. THESE ARE A FEW SUGGESTIONS WHICH MY DELEGATION, SPEAKING ALSO ON BEHALF OF OTHER SOCIALIST DELEGATIONS, WOULD LIKE TO ADD TO THE CONSIDERATIONS MADE BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PPR ON THE SUBJECT, AREA AND THE UNDERLYING PRINCIPLE OF THE FUTURE REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMS IN EUROPE. THESE SUGGESTIONS ARE DICTATED BY OUR SINCERE DESIRE TO ENSURE APPROPRIATE CONDITIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTIVE OUTCOME OF THE FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS. MAY I BE ALLOWED TO EXPRESS OUR HOPE THAT THESE SUGGESTIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED WITH DUE ATTENTION BY THE PARTICIPANTS OF OUR CONSULTATIONS.

END TEXT. HUMES

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